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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ISRAEL OF PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

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1. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND HIS PARTY OF 28, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER, ARRIVED IN ISRAEL APRIL 8. THEY ARRIVED LATE AT NIGHT AT BEN-HURION AIRPORT WHERE, ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, THE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE THE HEAVIEST EVER OBSERVED AND WERE MET BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. NO PRESS OR PUBLIC WERE ADMITTED.

2. VORSTER BEGINS HIS VISIT TODAY WITH A CALL ON PRESIDENT KATZIR. OVER THE WEEKEND HE WILL HOLD WORKING MEETINGS WITH RABIN, ALLON AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERES. HE WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL RELIGIOUS SITES AND IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO THE SINAI AND TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

3. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS VORSTER'S VISIT HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 12. ON THAT DATE HE WILL VISIT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY AND AN AIR FORCE BASE AND WILL BE HONORED AT A DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR THAT EVENING. THERE IS SPECULATION
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THAT ARMS SUPPLIES WILL BE A MAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION WITH

SOME SUGGESTION THAT THE KFIR FIGHTER WILL BE OF SPECIAL
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